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Rates on small employer individual grandfathered plans affect 3,300 Delawareans

Dover, DE – Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart announced today that she has reduced to 9.9% a request from Highmark BlueCross BlueShield for a health rate increases on small employer grandfathered individual plans.

Highmark filed requests for increases in the rates for nine plans. Four of the plans requested an increase of 17.6%. Five additional plans sought a 15% hike. After reviewing the filings and taking into account the interests of consumers, Commissioner Stewart reduced the amount approved to 9.9% for 8 plans and refused to grant one plan any increase at all.

The rates go into effect immediately and affect approximately 3,300 Delawareans.

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